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COUNTY VIDEO GRANTS SHINE SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL NONPROFITS ***Applications Available for Grants From Cable Commission; Up To \$50,000 To Be Awarded***

The County of San Diego Cable and Telecommunications Review Commission today announced a grant program that can help nonprofits promote their activities and highlight the valuable contributions they make throughout our region. The Community Partnership for Cable Television Grant Program will award up to five grants of \$10,000 apiece to any nonprofit organization, community group or school willing to partner with a County department or agency to produce a half-hour video program suitable for airing on CTN, the County Television Network.

The Commission seeks innovative video projects that inform and educate San Diegans about issues affecting the community. The Commission is especially interested in proposals that encourage self-sufficiency, promote citizen participation in the development of shared solutions to community problems, and reflect the cultural diversity of San Diego County. For this year, the Commission also encourages applications that highlight efforts to support the County's designated Strategic Initiatives: Crime Prevention, Environment, Self Sufficiency, and Health and Wellness.

Past grant-funded videos have focused on such topics as local history, arts programs for children and seniors, and community diversity and cultural traditions. Grant programs will be shown on CTN, which is available only on cable on Time Warner Channel 22, Adelphia Channel 66 and Cox Communications Channel 19 North/24 South.

Application packets may be obtained on the Internet at www.ctn.org, click on "Grant Program"; by e-mailing your name and address to bfrasech@co.san-diego.ca.us; by writing to Cable Franchise Administrator, County of San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 208, San Diego, CA 92101, or by calling Barry Fraser at (619) 595-4650 or Jackie Collins at (619) 595-4680.

The deadline for submission of applications is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, with funds expected to be disbursed beginning in March 2003.

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